

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
MASAO KATO, ET AL. ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Application No.: Unassigned ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Filed: February 9, 2004 )  
For: PRINTING SYSTEM AND ITS ) February 9, 2004  
CONTROL METHOD, PRINTER )  
AND ITS CONTROL METHOD, AND )  
IMAGE SENSING APPARATUS AND )  
ITS CONTROL METHOD )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

FOREIGN PATENTS:

| <u>Patent No.</u> | <u>Country</u> | <u>Publication Date</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 2000-13625        | Japan          | January 14, 2000        |

REMARKS

Applicants believe the JP 2000-13625 reference is pertinent because it discloses a technique for correcting an image on the basis of a histogram obtained by image analysis processing in a printer driver, but submit that the reference fails to disclose or suggest the feature of transmitting the histogram to another apparatus; that is, a printer does not receive either the image data or the histogram data. An English translation of the Japanese document is not readily available to Applicants' attorney, but may be provided if required by the Examiner. An English abstract for the JP 2000-13625 obtained from a commercial data base also is provided as an English language statement of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

FEE STATEMENT

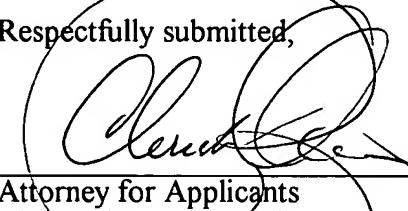
The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, or prior to the mailing of an initial official action. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**DATE CONSIDERED**

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